(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the financial assistance so far given by India, Pakistan and other agencies, if any, for the project; and

(d) by when the renovation is likely to be completed so as to enable the pilgrims from India to visit the temples?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) The Government is not having details of the renovation of the Hindu temples at Katasraj as this work is being carried out by the authorities in Pakistan. No financial assistance has been given for this by the Government of India.

Financial assistance for the Development of Science City Project at Ahmedabad

4316. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested the Central Government for financial assistance for the development of the Science City Project at Ahmadabad;

(b) if so, the amount of assistance required by the State Government of Gujarat;

(c) the amount of assistance sanctioned and released; and

(d) the amount which is still to be released by Government and by when it will be released?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government of India, Ministry of Culture has agreed to provide financial assistance of Rs. 9.00 crores to the Gujarat Council of Science City (GCSC) for setting up a Science city at Ahmedabad in Gujarat. Out of Rs. 9.00 crores, the Ministry has so far released Rs. 8.00 crores. The Ministry of Culture has received request from GCSC for released of balance amount of Rs. 1.00 crore for the project. However, due to non-receipt of Annual Audited Statements of Accounts of the GCSC for the year 2002-03 onwards and Utilization Certificate for the grants released during year 2005-06, the Ministry is unable to release the balance amount of Rs. 1.00 crore.